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FROM LOSDEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJ: LOS: GROUP OF 5-SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE ECONOMIC
ZONE; DEEP SEABEDS

1. IN LIGHT INFORMATION THAT CHAIRMAN OF COMITE III
(YANKOV-BULGARIA) WAS PREPARING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TEXT
THAT WOULD REQUIRE CONSENT FOR ALL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN
ECONOMIC ZONE, BUT WOULD PROVIDE THAT THE COASTAL STATE
CANNOT RPT CANNOT DENY CONSENT FOR NON-RESOURCE RESEARCH,
AMB. LEARSON RAISED ISSUE MAY 5 WITH GROUP OF 5 HEADS OF
DELEGATION, STRESSING SUBSTANTIVE AND TACTICAL DISADVANTAGE
OF SUCH A MOVE. HE WAS SUPPORTED BY FRANCE, UK, AND JAPAN.
WE HAD RAISED SAME PROBLEM DIRECTLY WITH KOZYREV AFTER
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HE RAISED THIS IDEA IN FRONT OF SELECTED LDC'S, AND HE

DID NOT REPEAT IDEA AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH SELECTED LDC'S.

2. SOVIETS (DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KOZYREV) CONSISTENTLY PARRIED ATTEMPTS TO GET INTO THE MERITS, AND SEVERAL TIMES RAISED US FAILURE TO MAKE A PROPOSAL REGARDING AN ANTI-DOMINANT CLAUSE FOR THE DEEP SEABEDS. EVEN FRENCH, WHO FAVOR AN ANTI-DOMINANT CLAUSE, POINTED OUT THAT SCIENCE ISSUE WAS A QUESTION OF CONCESSIONS TO DEVELOPING COASTAL STATES, WHEREAS ANTI-DOMINANT CLAUSE WAS A PROBLEM AMONG THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. SOVIETS WERE UNRELENTING, AND EVEN WENT SO FAR AS TO IMPLY THAT IF US COULD MANIPULATE COMITE I, THEY COULD MANIPULATE COMITE III.

3. COMMENT: MEETING WAS BY FAR THE MOST DIFFICULT AMONG THE HEADS OF DELEGATION OF THE GROUP OF 5 AT THIS SESSION, AND REVEALED NO DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS TO REACH AN ACCOMMODATION WITH US ON THE SCIENCE ISSUE. POSSIBLE SOVIET MOTIVATIONS INCLUDE;

A) ONE WAY OF MANIFESTING THEIR REACTION TO THE 200-MILE BILL, TO OUR FAILURE TO ACCEPT AN ANTI-DOMINANT CLAUSE FOR THE DEEP SEABEDS, OR BOTH.

B) THE SOVIETS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SCHIZOPHRENIC ABOUT SCIENCE; THEY WANT FREE SCIENCE OFF OTHER COUNTRIES COASTS BUT NOT OFF THEIRS. THEIR OWN COASTAL INTERESTS MAY BE WINNING OUT.

C) YANKOV WAS BADLY ATTACKED FOR HIS GENEVA TEXT BY THE 77, WHICH OPENLY INTIMATED THAT THERE WAS NO REAL ATTEMPT TO ACCOMMODATE THEM. THE SOVIETS MAY HAVE FELT THAT TO PRESERVE SOME RIGHTS TO CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IT WAS NECESSARY TO MOVE NOW TO ACCOMMODATE THE COASTAL STATES SO AS TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK IN COMITE III AND EASE THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE IN COMITE II, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THEY WENT FURTHER THAN NECESSARY AT LEAST AT THIS TIME.
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